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-BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS GIVEN TO THE PRESS THIS
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QUOTE: WE HAVE NOTICED A STORY IN TODAY'S PRESS THAT
ALLEGES A REPORTED DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN SECRETARY
KISSINGER AND OUR AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL, FRANK C.
CARLUCCI. THIS IS A VICIOUS FABRICATION. THE SECRETARY
IS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S PERFORMANCE AND
CONSIDERS HIM ONE OF OUR MOST DISTINGUISHED AMBASSADORS.
HE RECOMMENDED AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI TO THE PRESIDENT AS
HIS PERSONAL CHOICE AS OUR ENVOY TO PORTUGAL. THE
PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HAVE TOTAL CONFIDENCE IN
AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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